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FOCUS POINT NEWSLETTER FOCUS POINT COVID ALERT 5/18/2020

Skilling Residents with COVID-19 Under Medicare Part A: Judy Wilhide Brandt is offering a free webinar to discuss the volume of questions she has been responding to during the pandemic. Recorded on May 5, 2020. She will also offer PDPM considerations to ensure correct reimbursement during the emergency. The webinar is 34:16 minutes long. This is for people who found her email newsletter "simple fast answers" useful but want to see the sources and hear the rationale. Those emails are posted on the 'education' tab of this website. Upon registration, you can immediately watch the recording on the GoToTraining platform. Register for this free webinar at:

<https://www.judywilhide.com/seminars-webinars>

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New CHC Resource – Paid Feeding Assistant Training

In the CMS blanket 1135 Waiver updated last week, CMS has modified CFR 483.60 (h) (I) (I - Paid Feeding Assistants- F811 and 483.160 Requirements for Training of Paid Feeding Assistants to allow the training to be a minimum of 1 hour in length instead of 8 hours.

- The waiver can NOT change WHO is eligible to assist residents with feeding.
- The waiver can NOT change WHICH residents may be fed by staff during the effectiveness of waiver.
- The waiver can NOT reduce the need for the facility to supervise paid feeding assistants by an LPN/RN.

CHC has developed a power point training tool for the waived program; this power point review will take about 1 hour followed by a post test for competency and understanding. OLC cannot pre-approve the package, however it was sent to them for review and their recommendations have all been incorporated. If you are interested in purchasing this training, contact Mary at mary@chileshealthcare.com; cost \$135.00 for entire package.

Reminder: Before using this program, you must adopt as your program and submit application to the state survey agency. In Virginia, the application can be found at:

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/96/2018/04/feed-hydration-program-application.pdf>, and it needs to be submitted to, Ka Ning Yu-cheng ka-ning.yu-cheng@vdh.virginia.gov. for approval prior to beginning your program. Your staff may do the training, or you can request that a CHC representative do it for you by webinar – cost \$125 per webinar of 1 hour, but the post-test and review for competency is conducted by the facility staff.



VDH Updates – 5.14.2020 -- Point Prevalent Survey Guidance updated 5/14/2020; entire document may be found at:

[https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/182/2020/04/PPS-Guidance-for-](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/182/2020/04/PPS-Guidance-for-LTCF-Congregated-Settings-FINAL-4-28-2020.pdf)

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